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| | Examiner Name | E. Swinehart | |
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Serial No.: 10/613264
Application Filed: 07/03/2003
Application Title: BOAT DOCKING STABILIZER
Examiner/GAU: Ed Swinehart/3617

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action issued January 16, 2004 . Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the allowing amendments and remarks. Accompanying this Amendment is a separate document entitled Petition for Extension of Time, together with a check for \$55.00 fee for a one month extension of time (small entity) extending the time for response to May 16, 2004, which falling on a Sunday permits filing on May 17, 2004 to be a timely response. Should any additional fee be required in connection with the entry and consideration of this Amendment, authorization is given to charge my deposit account #19-0268 and to notify the undersigned attorney of record thereof.

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